

should even differ in opinion, we shall nevertheless, strive to cultivate Christian fellowship and Christian love, and shall not allow the creeds and opinions of men to mar our peace, nor hinder our progress.

The following is our Summary of Faith, and Church Covenant:—

SUMMARY OF FAITH.

We believe in the existence of one True and Living God, the Creator, Preserver, and Judge of the Universe; that he has revealed himself in the Holy Scriptures as the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; that he has made man originally good; but that man, by his own wilful transgression of his Maker's laws, brought upon himself mortality and death, lost his title to the Divine favour and protection, through his rebellion and entire alienation of heart from God; and that, as by the Divine arrangement, the human family descended by generation from Adam, so all in their nature have broken the law of God, are children of wrath, opposed to good, and inclined to evil; and that the only way of deliverance from this state of sin and death, is through the grace and mercy of God who "so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life; and through whom *alone* God bestows repentance and remission of sins, and preserves believers, through faith, unto salvation.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the final punishment of the wicked, and life everlasting of the righteous: and we also believe that the Holy Scriptures are divinely inspired, and that they are *designed* and *given* to teach man the way of holiness and to heaven: and that they form a *sufficient rule* of Christian faith and practice.

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We refer our readers to the important Religious Intelligence contained on the second and third pages of this paper. We cannot conceive how the events—religious and secular—which are now transpiring in the world, can otherwise than interest every reader. For ourselves, we apprehend the present period of the world, as pregnant with the most mighty results, which ever burst upon the gaze of mortals. We may shut our eyes to the fact before us, and regard them as only the common effects of ordinary causes. But this will not be a legitimate judgment, not one worthy of reflecting minds. If we look at China—a vast empire—containing according to the census of 1825 (the last taken) a population of 367,632,907 souls—more than one third the entire population of the Globe, can we be otherwise than led to exclaim "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?" Shut up—until only a little while ago, to a vile system of idolatry—apparently unaccessable at every point—with a strength gathered from an age much greater than the Christian era, and threatening to defy forever the moral power of evangelism. Yet in the unseen workings of an all-wise Providence, and almost as sudden as the lightning glare—her moral ramparts are demolished. She is made accessible at almost every point, and her more than 350 millions are "stretching forth their hands to God." "This is the Lord's doing, and it is mar-

vellous in our eyes." And who can estimate the moral effect of the circulation of ONE MILLION of Testaments in that vast empire, printed in the language of its own people. True, even this number is but a fraction to the whole number required, but when we take into consideration the facts that the Pilgrim's Progress can be printed in that country for four pence a copy, and the New Testament for a little less, are we not fully warranted in the conclusion that China must become a land of Bibles, and that from her long degraded race untold thousands shall be found in that "great multitude" gathered from the host of nations. True, the work in progress in China, was not commenced without means. There are various theories, setting forth the origin of the strange movement now going forward there. But the one which seems to have the greatest confirmation, is that which refers to the labours of a few Protestant Missionaries in that country, and the circulation of the Word of God by the devoted Gutzlaff and others. It is the opinion of some eminent writers on the Scripture among whom are Kitto, Medhurst, and others that the 'land of Sinim,' mentioned in Isaiah 49: 12, refers to China. Be this as it may, we cannot but anxiously look for farther intelligence from that extraordinary country.

But what a contrast is presented to us in the Protestant and Catholic countries of Europe.—No sooner is the way opened for the dissemination of God's Word, and the opportunity presented for enlarged Christian benevolence, than England—PROTESTANT ENGLAND—arises and girds herself for the work. A single individual suggests a scheme—a nation responds to it—that institution, the glory of all institutions, (the British and Foreign Bible Society), hoary—not with age—but with excellence, enters into the work, and in a little while the Bread of Life, will be spread before millions of starving souls, like "angels' food" around the Hebrews' camp.

Turn from this to the intolerance of France, to the bigotry and persecution of Italy. Is it because the people of these countries are naturally worse than their neighbours, that a young Christian lady, for no other crime than giving the word of God, and some religious tracts to a few peasants, is thrust into a common prison like a malefactor? Is it because God has made them to differ, that the Bible is hated and proscribed; and every effort made to disseminate the word of Life, met at the very threshold with persecutions, prison, and death? We answer No—neither of these. But because of that system—that dark—that cruel system, that knows no freedom, and hates all light. But may we not hope that the events now transpiring in the Catholic nations of Europe contain in them the germ of religious liberty, and that that God who has thrown open the doors to China, will at least turn and overturn in these countries until the gospel shall be freely preached among them, and preparatory to this world's crowning event, become "a witness unto all nations."

THE CAUSE.

Letters have been received giving the results of some of the special protracted labours recently engaged in, in different parts of the country. We rejoice to be able to inform our readers, that the cause in which we labour is on the advance. Since we became identified with the Church of God, there has never been a time, when more permanent prosperity was apparent. But we do not call that prosperity which consists *only* in numbers, or in wealth. Large acquisitions may be made to churches, and wealth and influence may be possessed by them; but if the graces of the Holy Spirit are not manifest—if the mind of Christ is not exhibited in them, they are like bodies with-

out souls, and their power will never tell much to the glory of God. The real prosperity of a Church consists in its *advancement in the truth*—in its increased faith in God—in its growth in grace—in the development of those moral powers and sympathies which make men more like Christ, and constrains them in the performance of the works of God. We praise the name of God, that in some places we hear of this being the case, and we are well assured that when churches *put on Christ*, they will soon have acquisitions. One sight of Christ, will melt and win more hearts than all the thunders of Sinai or terrors of the Judgement.

OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT.—LOAN FUND.

Our Book Department, as will be seen by the advertisement on our last page, is an established fact. We have, we think, a well selected stock of religious and useful books, for Ministers, for Families, and for Sabbath Schools, both teachers and children. We shall increase our stock at an early day, and we hope to go on increasing, until we shall have such an establishment—containing the religious and useful only—as the wants of the country require. The committee to whom the General Conference entrusted the work of bringing this department into operation, are entitled to the thanks of our Churches and others, for the judicious manner in which they have managed the business. It remains now for all who feel interested in this enterprise, to aid them by loans or donations to the Loan Fund. A channel is opened for extensive usefulness, and all may contribute to a work the blessings of which will survive when we are gone. The committee are in need of further loans and donations, and we urge upon our readers to sustain them in this well begun work, which was committed to them by the unanimous voice of our Churches. A word further, while on this subject, in relation to ourselves. Hitherto the entire labour of our paper (mailing and all) has devolved upon us—that is, all except printing. This has not been a little work; our subscription list being about 2,700. On January next we shall commence its weekly publication, and then of course we should require help in the paper department. The committee have therefore employed a young man (brother John Machum) of unblemished moral integrity, who will hereafter be found in our office during business hours, to sell and deliver books, and to attend to any business connected with our book and paper department. It will be remembered our office is in the same rooms with the Temperance Telegraph office, immediately over Mr. Chipman's Drug Store in King Street.

LOSS OF THE FAIRY QUEEN.

In our last we announced the loss of this ill-fated Steamer, and several lives. Since that time the particulars of this sad disaster have reached us, and it has become certain that six or more lives have been sacrificed to the cowardice or inhumanity of those in command. Long and patient investigation has been made, and the Captain and crew have been committed for trial without bail. The following from a letter by one of the surviving passengers, describes the closing scene on board the boat:—

The passengers generally behaved exceedingly well, and resigned to their fate. We all collected on the upper deck, and awaited the end. Arabella and Alice DeWolf were quite resigned. I had not given them any hope at the commencement. Oh! how my soul sickens at the recollection of the fate of these young creatures. We were all clustered in a group. I sat down near them to keep them warm, when two of the party were thrown overboard, Pinea threw a rope to the one opposite to him, and succeeded in getting him aboard again. I got his rope and got aboard the one opposite me